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SUBJ: IAEA CONCERN RE REDUCED FAO SUPPORT FOR JOINT FAO/IAEA

DIVISION

1. DURING CONSIDERATION OF IAEA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1978

AT RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COMMITTEE MEETING,
IAEA DG EKLUND MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT EXPRESSING HIS CONCERN
AT LAGGING FAO SUPPORT OF FAO/IAEA DIVISION OF ATOMIC
ENERGY IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE:

QUOTE IN AREA OF CONCERN TO ME IS THE DISPROPORTION BETWEEN
THE AGENCY'S AND THE FAO'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOINT DIVISION
BUDGET. YOU MAY KNOW THAT WHEN THE JOINT DIVISION WAS ESTAB-
LISHED, IN 1964, THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS
PROVIDED THAT THE COST OF ANY PROGRAMME EXPANSION WOULD BE
EQUALLY SHARED BY THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS. SINCE 1964 THE
AGENCY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOINT DIVISION'S BUDGET HAS
INCREASED BY A FACTOR OF MORE THAN FOUR WHEREAS

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THE FAO, DURING THE SAME PERIOD, HAS JUST DOUBLED ITS
CONTRIBUTION. FAO'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE JOINT DIVISION
IS REGRETTABLE AS IT FORCES THE AGENCY TO PUT A BRAKE ON A
MOST VALUABLE PROGRAMME OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO MOST
DEVELOPING STATES. IN THIS CONTEXT, I SHOULD LIKE TO RECALL
THAT AT THE LAST GENERAL CONFERENCE IN RIO SEVERAL DELEGATES
RECOMMENDED THAT THE AGENCY ACCEPT THE OFFER OF THE NETHER-

LANDS GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT PILOT-SCALE FEASIBILITY STUDIES
BY OPERATING AN INTERNATIONAL OFOD IRRADIATION FACILITY.
THE AGENCY'S CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH A PROJECT WOULD AMOUNT TO
THE PROVISION OF THE PROJECT LEADER AND OF A SUM OF \$25,000
PER YEAR. HOWEVER, MY POSITION IN THIS RESPECT IS FIRM.
BELIEVE THAT THE AGENCY SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO THIS PROJECT
UNLESS FAO IS PREPARED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION EQUAL TO THAT
OF THE AGENCY. I HAVE RECENTLY APPROACHED THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF FAO ON THIS MATTER WHO REPLIED THAT HE WAS
SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING PARTICIPATION AND WOULD LET ME HAVE
AN ANSWER IN JUNE THIS YEAR. END QUOTE.

2. I VIEW WITH SOME CONCERN THIS DEVELOPMENT, SINCE
IT COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE AFFECT ON US NON-PROLIFERATION
POLICIES INVOLVING IAEA. JOINT FAO/IAEA DIVISION
PROGRAMS ARE PRIMARILY ORIENTED TOWARD DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
REDUCED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THESE ACTIVITIES COULD
RESULT IN RETALIATORY REDUCTIONS PROPOSED BY DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES FOR IAEA'S SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM.

3. I SUGGEST THAT THIS MATTER BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED BY
INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO ASSURE THAT US POSITIONS
IN FAO RE JOINT FAO/IAEA DIVISION ARE CONSISTENT WITH
US OBJECTIVES IN IAEA. STONE

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